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T O P S E C R E T 261335Z OCT 72 SENSITIVE EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY
VIA BUNKER CHANNEL
FM: HENRY A. KISSINGER
TO: AMBASSADOR BUNKER FLASH
CITE: WHS2300

1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE IN SAIGON 0236. I AGREE COMPLETELY WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC LINE YOU AND THIEU HAVE WORKED OUT.

2. I PLAN TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE HERE ABOUT 11:00 AM LOCAL THIS MORNING. YOU SHOULD INFORM THIEU THAT ONE OF ITS MAIN PURPOSES WILL BE TO PREVENT HIS ISOLATION AS THE OBSTACLE TO A QUICK SETTLEMENT. THIS CAN BE DONE BEST BY ASSOCIATING OURSELVES WITH A NUMBER OF HIS CRITICISMS BUT TO MAKE IT CLEAR AS WELL THAT WE HAD TO REJECT SOME OF HIS OBJECTIONS, THEREBY DEMONSTRATING OUR INDEPENDENCE FROM HIM. I WILL OF COURSE GO INTO SOMEWHAT MORE DETAIL BUT STAY WITHIN THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK CONTAINED IN 2299.

3. THE ESSENTIAL THING NOW IS TO PREVENT THIEU FROM PUBLICLY BREAKING WITH US AND KEEPING OURSELVES IN CLOSE TANDEM. PLEASE TELL THIEU THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT IN THIS PHASE WE PROCEED AS COMRADES-IN-ARMS.

4. WARM REGARDS.

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